

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

CHRIS DOOP,
Plaintiff,
v.
STEVEN B. WOLFSON, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No.: 2:22-cv-00482-JAD-NJK

ORDER

[Docket No. 17]

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's motion for the appointment of counsel. Docket No.

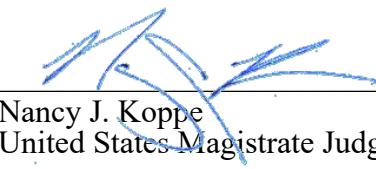
14 A litigant does not have a constitutional right to appointed counsel for civil cases. *See*,
15 *e.g., Storseth v. Spellman*, 654 F.2d 1349, 1353 (9th Cir. 1981). In civil cases, courts may appoint
16 counsel to litigants proceeding *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). That statute
17 does not authorize courts to require counsel to represent such litigants, but only to request the
18 representation on a *pro bono* basis. *See Mallard v. United States Dist. Ct.*, 490 U.S. 296, 304–05
19 (1989). The Court will request counsel for indigent civil litigants only in “exceptional
20 circumstances.” *Palmer v. Valdez*, 560 F.3d 965, 970 (9th Cir. 2009). In determining whether
21 “exceptional circumstances” exist, the Court considers the likelihood of success on the merits as
22 well as the ability of the litigant to articulate his or her claims *pro se* in light of the complexity of
23 the issues involved. *Id.* “Neither of those considerations is dispositive and instead must be viewed
24 together.” *Id.*

25 The Court construes the filings of *pro se* litigants liberally. *See, e.g., Blaisdell v. Frappiea,*
26 729 F.3d 1237, 1240 (9th Cir. 2013). Even considering Plaintiff's motion liberally, the Court finds
27 that Plaintiff provides no information demonstrating why counsel is needed or assessment under

1 the governing standards. Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for the appointment of counsel, Docket
2 No. 17, is hereby **DENIED**.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 Dated: July 19, 2022

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6 Nancy J. Koppe
7 United States Magistrate Judge

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